

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended): A computerized method of operating an e-mail-invoked application server providing a service comprising the steps of:

~~receiving, by an e-mail-invoked application server, an incoming e-mail message addressed to a nickname address of a recipient from a sender utilizing a network, wherein the incoming e-mail includes content and a destination address having an address format;~~

~~determining which application of a plurality of applications available on the e-mail-invoked application server will accept the incoming e-mail for processing by comparing the address format of the destination address to acceptable address formats defined by the applications;~~

~~refusing the incoming e-mail when it is determined that no application will accept the incoming e-mail for processing; and~~

~~storing a portion of the e-mail message in a database;~~

~~determining an actual address of the recipient;~~

~~transmitting the e-mail message to the actual address of the recipient utilizing the network; and~~

~~invoking at least one of the plurality of applications to provide the service responsive to process the content of the incoming e-mail when it is determined that the address format of the destination address is one of the acceptable address formats defined by the at least one application, received by the e-mail-invoked application server.~~

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2. (currently amended): A method as recited in claim 1, ~~wherein information coupled with~~ further including the step of storing at least a portion of the incoming e-mail message is stored in the in a database.

3. (previously presented): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one application is selected from the group consisting of a lead tracking application, a job requisitioning application, an event planning application, a task list management application, a project management application, and an accountability application.

4. (currently amended): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one application invoked by the incoming email generates a reply to the incoming e-mail message is utilized to advance the processing of a task.

5. (previously presented): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one application summarizes an interaction between one or more users of the e-mail-invoked application server.

6. (original): A method as recited in claim 5, wherein a task list is generated to summarize the interaction.

7. (canceled).

8. (currently amended): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one application invoked by the incoming email generates an event is utilized to advance the processing of a task.

9. (currently amended): A method as recited in ~~claim 1~~ claim 2, wherein a reply to the e-mail message is utilized to generate another e-mail message to obtain information for the database.

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10. (canceled).

11. (previously presented): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the e-mail message includes an attachment.

12. (currently amended): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the incoming e-mail message has one or more attributes, and further comprising steps of:

generating an index based on the one or more attributes of the incoming e-mail message; and

storing the index ~~in the database~~ in a database.

13. (currently amended): A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

storing the incoming email message in a database;

categorizing the content of the incoming e-mail message into one or more categories, and

permitting retrieval of information from the database according to at least one of the ~~one or more~~ one or more categories.

14. (canceled).

15. (currently amended): A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium ~~for managing information transmitted utilizing a network operating an e-mail-invoked application server~~, comprising:

a code segment for receiving, ~~by an e-mail-invoked application server~~, an incoming e-mail message addressed to a nickname address of a recipient from a sender utilizing a network, wherein the incoming e-mail includes content and a destination address having an address format;

a code segment for determining which application of a plurality of applications available on the e-mail-invoked application server will accept the incoming e-mail for

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processing by comparing the address format of the destination address to acceptable address formats defined by the applications;

a code segment for refusing the incoming e-mail when it is determined that no application will accept the incoming e-mail for processing; and

~~a code segment for storing a portion of the e-mail message in a database;~~

~~a code segment for determining an actual address of the recipient;~~

~~a code segment for transmitting the e-mail message to the actual address of the recipient utilizing the network; and~~

a code segment for invoking at least one of the plurality of applications to provide the service responsive to process the content of the incoming e-mail when it is determined that the address format of the destination address is one of the acceptable address formats defined by the at least one application, received by the e-mail invoked application server.

16. (currently amended): A computer program as recited in claim 15, wherein ~~information coupled with~~ further including the step of storing at least a portion of the incoming e-mail message in a database. ~~is stored in the database.~~

17. (previously presented): A computer program as recited in claim 15, wherein the at least one application is selected from the group consisting of a lead tracking application, a job requisitioning application, an event planning application, a task list management application, a project management application, and an accountability application.

18. (currently amended): A computer program as recited in claim 15, wherein the at least one application invoked by the incoming e-mail generates a reply to the incoming e-mail message is utilized to advance the processing of a task.

19. (previously presented): A computer program as recited in claim 15, wherein the at least one application summarizes the interaction between one or more users of the e-mail-invoked application server.

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20. (original): A computer program as recited in claim 19, wherein a task list is generated to summarize the interaction.

21. (canceled).

22. (currently amended): A computer program as recited in claim 15, wherein the at least one application invoked by the incoming e-mail generates an event is utilized to advance the processing of a task.

23. (currently amended): A computer program as recited in ~~claim 15~~ claim 16, wherein a reply to the e-mail message is utilized to generate another e-mail message to obtain information for the database.

24. (canceled)

25. (previously presented): A computer program as recited in claim 15, wherein the e-mail message includes an attachment.

26. (currently amended): A computer program as recited in claim 15, wherein the incoming e-mail message has one or more attributes, and further comprising:
a code segment for generating an index based on the one or more attributes of the incoming e-mail message; and
a code segment for storing the index ~~in the database~~ in a database.

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27. (currently amended): A computer program as recited in claim 15, further comprising:

a code segment for storing the incoming e-mail message in a database;

a code segment for categorizing the content of the incoming email message into one or more categories; and

a code segment for permitting retrieval of information from the database according to at least one of the one or more categories.

28. (canceled).

29. (currently amended): A system for ~~managing information transmitted utilizing a network~~operating an e-mail-invoked application server, comprising:

logic for receiving, ~~by an e-mail invoked application server~~, an incoming e-mail message addressed to a nickname address of a recipient from a sender utilizing a network, wherein the incoming e-mail includes content and a destination address having an address format;

logic for determining which application of a plurality of applications available on the e-mail-invoked application server will accept the incoming e-mail for processing by comparing the address format of the destination address to acceptable address formats defined by the applications;

logic for refusing the incoming e-mail when it is determined that no application will accept the incoming e-mail for processing; and

~~logic for storing a portion of the e-mail message in a database;~~

~~logic for determining an actual address of the recipient;~~

~~logic for transmitting the e-mail message to the actual address of the recipient utilizing the network; and~~

logic for invoking at least one application to ~~provide the service responsive to process~~ the content of the incoming e-mail when it is determined that the address format of the destination address is one of the acceptable address formats defined by the at least one application. ~~received by the e-mail invoked application server.~~

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30. (currently amended): A system as recited in claim 29, ~~wherein information coupled with further including logic for storing at least a portion of the incoming e-mail message is stored in the database in a database.~~

31. (previously presented): A system as recited in claim 29, wherein the at least one application is selected from the group consisting of a lead tracking application, a job requisitioning application, an event planning application, a task list management application, a project management application, and an accountability application.

32. (currently amended): A system as recited in claim 29, wherein the at least one application invoked by the incoming e-mail generates a reply to the incoming e-mail message is utilized to advance the processing of a task.

33. (previously presented): A system as recited in claim 29, wherein the at least one application summarizes the interaction between one or more users of the e-mail-invoked application server.

34. (original): A system as recited in claim 33, wherein a task list is generated to summarize the interaction.

35. (canceled).

36. (currently amended): A system as recited in claim 29, wherein the at least one application invoked by the incoming e-mail generates an event is utilized to advance the processing of a task.

37. (currently amended): A system as recited in ~~claim 29~~ claim 30, wherein a reply to the e-mail message is utilized to generate another e-mail message to obtain information for the database.

38. (canceled)

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39. (previously presented): A system as recited in claim 29, wherein the e-mail message includes an attachment.

40. (currently amended): A system as recited in claim 29, wherein the incoming e-mail message has one or more attributes, and further comprising:

logic for generating an index based on the one or more attributes of the incoming e-mail message; and

logic for storing the index ~~in the database~~ in a database.

41. (currently amended): A system as recited in claim 29, further comprising:
logic for storing the incoming email message in a database;

logic for categorizing the content of the incoming e-mail message into one or more categories; and

logic for permitting retrieval of information from the database according to at least one of the one or more categories.

42. (canceled).

43. (previously presented): A method as recited in claim 11 wherein the step of invoking at least one application is responsive to the attachment.

44. (previously presented): A computer program as recited in claim 25 wherein the code segment for invoking at least one application is responsive to the attachment.

45. (previously presented): A system as recited in claim 39 wherein the logic for invoking at least one application is responsive to the attachment.

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46. (new): A method as recited in claim 1 wherein one of the acceptable address formats defined by the plurality of applications is data@host.domain, wherein domain indicates a domain name of the e-mail-invoked application server, host indicates an application available in the domain, and data indicates information provided by the sender.

47. (new): A computer program as recited in claim 15 wherein one of the acceptable address formats defined by the plurality of applications is data@host.domain, wherein domain indicates a domain name of the e-mail-invoked application server, host indicates an application available in the domain, and data indicates information provided by the sender.

48. (new): A system as recited in claim 29 wherein one of the acceptable address formats defined by the plurality of applications is data@host.domain, wherein domain indicates a domain name of the e-mail-invoked application server, host indicates an application available in the domain, and data indicates information provided by the sender.

49. (new): A method as recited in claim 1 further including the steps of determining a recipient email address of an actual recipient of the incoming e-mail; and transmitting the incoming e-mail message to the recipient email address utilizing the network.

50. (new): A computer program as recited in claim 15 further including a code segment for determining a recipient email address of an actual recipient of the incoming e-mail; and a code segment for transmitting the incoming e-mail message to the recipient email address utilizing the network.

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51. (new): A system as recited in claim 29 further including
logic for determining a recipient email address of an actual recipient of the
incoming e-mail; and
logic for transmitting the incoming e-mail message to the recipient email
address utilizing the network.